

# Congratulations!



**Maria (Meg) Green**

**Fall 2024 - CLAS Biology Graduate Honoree**

Meg has always been passionate about the ocean and marine biology, but she initially doubted her ability to succeed in the sciences. After her courageous decision to move to Colorado on her own, without knowing anyone here, she rediscovered her deep love for nature and decided to pursue a degree in biology at MSU Denver. Despite her initial uncertainty, Meg not only succeeded in her first biology course, but earned a A - a pattern she continued throughout her academic career. Meg will be graduating with a 4.0 GPA, earning a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry.

In addition to her course work, Meg has been conducting undergraduate research with Dr. Maria Cattell for the past 3 years, focusing on genetic studies of marine invertebrates, including corals and anemones. Furthermore, Meg has written grants and presented posters on important research. Although Meg has been extremely successful, her journey has not been without significant personal challenges. Throughout her academic career she has faced mental health struggles, as well as food and housing insecurity. As a strong, queer, Latina woman, Meg has not only overcome these hardships, but demonstrated a level of strength and commitment that is truly inspiring. We are excited to see her excel in her future endeavors as she plans to further her education in graduate school.